



Atty. Dkt. No. 023971-0298

77W

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Yuusuke KATOU et al.

Title: VEHICLE STEERING SYSTEM

Appl. No.: 10/642,196

Filing Date: 08/18/2003

Examiner: Kevin Hurley

Art Unit: 3611

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 30, 2004, Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group I, claims 1-14, for prosecution in the subject application. Applicants further elect the species of Figs. 1-6. Claims 1-12, and 14-16 are readable on the species of Fig. 1-6. Claims 1-11, 14-16 are generic to both the species of Figs. 1-6 and the species of Fig. 7.

Applicants, of course, reserve the right to file a divisional application covering the subject matter of the non-elected claims.

Receipt of the initial Office Action on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

Date July 30, 2004 By Richard L. Schwaab

Richard L. Schwaab
Attorney for Applicant
Registration No. 25,479

FOLEY & LARDNER LLP
Customer Number: 22428
Telephone: (202) 672-5414
Facsimile: (202) 672-5399